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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AEROMEXICO DIRECTOR CALLS FOR CREATION OF
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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AEROMEXICO, ING. RAYMUNDO CANO P., WAS QUOTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A MULTINATIONAL LATIN AMERICAN AIRLINE AT THE LATIN AMERICAN FORUM OF TOURISM, IN MEXICO CITY ON MARCH 30, 1976. NOTING THAT CIVIL AVIATION DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA HAS BEEN DISORGANIZED, HE SAID AN ECONOMIC-TECHNICAL STUDY IS NECESSARY FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE MULTINATIONAL PROJECT. REJECTING "OPEN SKIES", HE STATED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR MEXICO TO CONTROL ITS OWN AIR SPACE. HE NOTED MEXICO'S LIBERAL POLICY - IN 1975 ONE MEXICAN AIRLINE MADE 328 FLIGHTS TO EUROPE WHILE 7 EUROPEAN AIRLINES MADE 2,110 FLIGHTS. ALSO, U.S. AIRLINES MADE 2,500 CHARTER FLIGHTS TO MEXICO IN "REGULAR ROUTES". CANO SAID THAT, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, FOREIGN AIRLINES ARE NOT INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING TOURIST POINTS, AND PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE DEVELOPED TO THE POINT WHERE THEIR FLIGHTS TO THESE LOCATIONS WOULD BE ASSURED OF PROFITABILITY.

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